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For: IMPROVED MULTICASTING IN IP DISTRIBUTIVE NETWORKS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, before the heading "Technical Field" insert the title:

IMPROVED MULTICASTING IN IP DISTRIBUTIVE NETWORKS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following amended claims:

3. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, in which the rules separate the flows into:

- one or more shared point-to-multipoint connections on which unidirectional multicast information flow is transmitted;
- a dedicated point-to-point connection for each end-user equipment on which other traffic is transmitted.

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4. (Amended)A method is claimed in claim 1 wherein the information flow is carried on an ATM point to multipoint connection and wherein bi-directional and control flows are carried on an ATM point-to-point connection.

6. (Amended)A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein unidirectional flows between the router and the user equipments are point-to-multipoint ATM flows.

7. (Amended)A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein control flows and bi-directional flows are transmitted between the user equipments and the router as point-to-point ATM flows.

8. (Amended)A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the router is an IP multicast router.

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REMARKS

Entry and consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

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APPENDIX

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The specification is changed as follows:

The title was inserted on the first page of the specification.

IN THE CLAIMS:

The claims are amended as follows:

3. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1 ~~or claim 2~~, in which the rules separate the flows into:

- one or more shared point-to-multipoint connections on which unidirectional multicast information flow is transmitted;
- a dedicated point-to-point connection for each end-user equipment on which other traffic is transmitted.

4. (Amended) A method is claimed in ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1 wherein the information flow is carried on an ATM point to multipoint connection and wherein bi-directional and control flows are carried on an ATM point-to-point connection.

6. (Amended) A method as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1 to 5~~ claim 1, wherein unidirectional flows between the router and the user equipments are point-to-multipoint ATM flows.

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7. (Amended) A method as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1 to 6~~claim 1 wherein control flows and bi-directional flows are transmitted between the user equipments and the router as point-to-point ATM flows.

8. (Amended) A method as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1 to 7~~claim 1 wherein the router is an IP multicast router.